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S.D. schools support teenager with cancer

Kyle Scholten
Sports Co-Editor

Adam's Clan is an organization dedicated to the financial support of Conrad Adam. Adam is a seventeen year old boy from Pierre, S.D. that was diagnosed with cancer.

After starting at point guard at T.F. Riggs High School in Pierre and contributing greatly to the team, the future seemed bright for this talented athlete. Everything changed when Adam went to the Orthopedic Institute for a sore knee.

After a routine MRI, Adam was told he had a tumor in his left knee and needed to visit Rochester's Mayo Clinic. After many tests it was determined that Adam had a rare form of cancer, osteosarcoma.

"I couldn't believe this was actually happening," said Adam. "I didn't feel any different besides the fact that my knee hurt a little bit."

Adam then went through a rigorous schedule of chemotherapy and radiation. After several months of treatment, the expected outcome of these procedures was less than satisfactory. The cancer had started to spread throughout his leg.

The family was then presented with the option to continue treatment and hope for the best, or amputate Adam's leg, which had a higher success rate. The Adam family chose the option to amputate his leg to the thigh.

The operation was a success,

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HALEY HEIBERGER/KNIGHT SCROLL

STUDENT SERVICE. Junior Delanie Stene participates in Art Club by making a bowl to be sold at O'Gorman's annual Empty Bowls charity event. Stene and other students met in Mr. Gary Siska's room to make pottery for the event. See the full story on page 3.

Risks in sports cause concern

Kayler Nelson
Staff Writer

Head injuries have recently become a deep concern regarding high school athletics. According to the University of Utah Health Center, traumatic head injuries obtained during the high school football season soared in 2011 to the highest number recorded in 25 years. This dynamic has raised many questions concerning the safety of high school athletes while out on the playing field.

A wave of reform in the safety of high school athletics

has sparked research showing long term effects of sustained head injuries. The Sports Concussion Institute reported that "multiple traumatic incidents contribute to the development of mild cognitive impairments (MCIs), chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), and other adverse outcomes."

According to Sanford Health, new legislation recently passed by the state of South Dakota "requires SDHSAA and the SD Department of Education to develop and distribute guidelines and information in-

cluding protocols and content consistent with current medical knowledge "to each coach, athlete, and athlete's parents regarding the risk of head injury posed by involvement in the respective activity."

"Currently there is a big push regarding head injury education," said Rochelle Lauret, O'Gorman High School certified athletic trainer.

"We send off information in the beginning of the year to players and their parents about the impacts of concussions," said O'Gorman High School ac-

tivities director Steve Kueter

In addition to informing players about these possibilities, coaches also hold some of this weight. "Every coach is required to watch a tutorial regarding the proper care and diagnosis of a concussion," said Kueter.

Sanford goes on to say that the goal of this program is "to educate coaches on the nature of the risk of concussion associated with athletic activity and how to recognize the signs,

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Frauds plague professional athletics

Sports superstars, heroes become punch lines for fans

Ben Rogers
Opinion Co-Editor

Heroes turned villains. Steroids, PEDs, lies and hoaxes. These terms have become synonymous with the most high profile athletes after recent events in various sports.

In recent months, athletes and scandal have come once again to the forefront in the American media. From the Manti Te'o girlfriend

hoax to Lance Armstrong's doping, fans have started to question their devotion to these iconoclasts of modern sports.

The recent arrest of Oscar Pistorius for the alleged murder of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp has only added fuel to the already blazing fire of controversy surrounding professional athletes.

Stemming from the 1990s and steroids, player behavior has fi-

nally caught up as many baseball stars were denied induction into the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame.

"It seems like everybody in baseball was doping at that time so I didn't necessarily respect them less, I just don't acknowledge their accolades," said junior Austin Serck.

Baseball hasn't been the only hotspot for drug use. Lance Arm-

strong came clean recently as he opened up to Oprah Winfrey about his drug use in bicycling. While some fans have written off Armstrong, others aren't as quick to accuse.

"Forget the biking, Armstrong was a great philanthropist and we cannot forget that," said junior Nole Harrington. "I mean the guy did a lot for charities and cancer research."

Drugs are only part of the story, however. Notre Dame standout Manti Te'o was caught in his own scandal as the public learned that his supposed deceased girlfriend never even existed.

"I hated Manti Te'o before this whole scandal, and now I hate him even more and laugh at him because he is a huge idiot," said junior Chris Sharpe.

Schools raise thousands to aid teen

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but the doctors told Adam that he needed to go down to Houston, Texas for a new advanced proton radiation treatment. Adam spent his Thanksgiving and Christmas down in Texas undergoing treatment and rehab for his leg.

While in Texas, Adam had many opportunities to take part in activities that people can only dream about.

Adam had the opportunity to meet basketball legend, Dick Vitale and was announced at the Texas Longhorns basketball game. In addition to this opportunity, Dick Vitale tweeted a picture of Adam and said, "Conrad Adam is truly an inspiration. What a great family he has!"

All throughout Adam's treatment there has been a great support movement that named itself, Adam's Clan. This organization

helps support Adam by organizing fundraisers to supply aid for Adam's medical bills.

Many schools throughout the state have also done fundraisers. Crosstown school Roosevelt High School raised more than \$2,000 in contribution to Adam.

O'Gorman High School opted not to raise money. However, the boys basketball team accepted donations.

The team raised \$2,000 and said 1000 prayers as a team for Adam.

Senior captains Kyle Scholten, Tyler Pals and Jack Lund then presented Adam with the money and prayer bouquet at the O'Gorman-Pierre basketball game on Feb. 9.

Time will tell how this story ends for Adam, but he is positive about the outcome. After he beats cancer he said, "I look forward to starting golf and remaining active."

Coaches, trainers stress caution as head injuries take center stage

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symptoms, and behaviors consistent with a concussion and how to appropriately respond and seek proper care."

O'Gorman High School's athletes are subject to imPACT, or Immediate Post-concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing.

This testing is conducted during the athlete's freshman year of high school to acquire individualized, base-line information. Follow up assessments are performed at two-year intervals.

As many as 40 percent of youth athletes who sustain head trauma are back on the field and playing in sooner than current health guidelines would suggest, said Sanford.

According to imPACT Applications, "Neurocognitive assessment can help to objectively evaluate the concussed athlete's post-injury condition and track recovery for safe return to play, thus preventing the cumulative effects of concussions."

"Our methods of prevention are more than sufficient now," said Ed Whiting, O'Gorman High School assistant football coach. "Our current standards include ongoing adaptations to the needs of our players."

Sending athletes back onto the field too early is exactly what Lauret and O'Gorman coaches hope to avoid.



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Junior Eion Donelan runs for a first down against Sturgis. Many football players now wear special helmets aimed at preventing concussions.

"All it comes down to is awareness and education," said Lauret. With more measures being taken at both a school and a state level, threats posed by head trauma are understood by athletes that are coming face to face with them every season.

"Our athletes are very aware of the consequences," said Lauret.

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Junior Jessie Sadlon adds finishing touches during Art Club on Dec. 29. The students in Art Club are responsible for making all of the bowls that will be sold at O’Gorman’s annual Empty Bowls event.

Students create bowls, prepare for soup supper

Haley Heiberger
Faith Editor

Each year O’Gorman students have several opportunities to participate in service projects at school. One of the biggest events is Empty Bowls.

The annual fundraiser sponsored by campus ministry will take place on March 12 this year.

Every year, money is raised at Empty Bowls to support local homeless and needy people.

The school donates money to The Saint Francis house to help

support local people in need.

The event involves the help of many generous donors, as well as O’Gorman students and staff.

Both teachers and students volunteer each year to help serve at Empty Bowls.

As well as the meal offered, bowls are sold the night of the event.

What some may not know, however, is that each bowl was made by a staff member or student at Art Club.

Students met in Mr. Gary Siska’s classroom after school and

learned how to make bowls that would be sold for the charity event.

Students and staff members are involved in almost all parts of Empty Bowls.

“It’s really satisfying serving others through my school,” said junior Rebekah Ridder.

Students greet guests, serve the meal and sell tickets at the event. This is one of the unique aspects of the event. It is also one of the service projects that takes place on the O’Gorman campus.

“It’s fun serving with your classmates,” said Ridder.

Pope resigns; Church hopes for new leader by Holy Week

Haley Heiberger
Faith Editor

On Feb. 11, the Vatican released the unforeseen news of Pope Benedict XVI’s resignation from papal office.

The news took many by surprise. No Pope has resigned since Pope Gregory in 1415.

On Feb. 28, 2013, his resignation became official, and the search for a new Pope officially began.

The 85-year-old Pope declared that he was unable to fulfill his duties due to declining health.

Former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, Pope Benedict XVI announce that the demands placed on him as Pope were too physically stressful, and he was unable to continue ministry.

“With full freedom I declare that I renounce the ministry of Bishop of Rome, successor of Saint Peter, entrusted to me by the Cardinals on 19 April 2005,” said Pope Benedict.

As the first Pope to step down in nearly 600 years, Pope Benedict XVI caused the media to blow up with questions about the future Catholic Pope.

“I was really confused when I saw the news on Twitter,” said junior Meghan Kunkel.

The shocking news that Pope Benedict was resigning caused a universal media explosion. From the Pope’s photo gracing the cover of The New York Times to four Pope-related Twitter trends, it took little time for the world to know that the Catholic Church would soon have a new successor of St. Peter.

Kunkel described the Pope’s decision as “a selfless act.”

Many praised the Pope for his humility and others questioned his motives. However, nearly everyone was questioning what would happen to Pope Benedict XVI after resignation.

Immediately, most were unsure of whether he would once again have his title as a cardinal, where he would go, and when conclave would elect a new Pope.

The Pope is expected to join a cloistered monastery in the Vatican.

“This will be the third pope in my lifetime, so I’m excited,” said Kunkel.

Catholic Church gets involved in media Catholics able to grow in faith using social networking, applications

Haley Heiberger
Faith Editor

The age has come when anyone with a smart phone can download applications for defeating pigs with a slingshot and birds, replacing a flashlight with a cell phone, tweeting and even praying.

In response to Blessed Pope John Paul II’s call for a new evangelization, the Catholic Church has increasingly had more of a presence in the media.

Not only do many Catholic organizations and Church leaders now have accounts on social networking sites, but now there

are even applications for smart phones that make the faith even more readily available to the youth of this generation.

Today’s Catholic youth can embark on a 40-day retreat with Bob Rice’s 40 Day Spiritual Workout app, check out the Pope’s latest message on Twitter, prepare for the sacrament of Reconciliation with Mia Culpa, and more.

“I have an app that will send me a daily verse,” said junior Meghan Kunkel. “It’s really nice.”

A multitude of Christian apps are available through the iTunes store, including free and paid ver-

sions of the Bible, interactive Rosaries, and daily Scripture verses.

“It is a great reminder. The app really keeps me grounded.”

-Meghan Kunkel

“It is a great reminder,” said Kunkel. “The app really keeps me grounded.”

Along with apps to improve the prayer lives, people can keep up with the Catholic community with their favorite social networking sites.

Catholic speakers such as Leah Darrow, Dr. Scott Hahn, Mark Hart and Jackie Francois are present on websites like Twitter and Facebook, as well as separate blogs.

Individuals are not the only ones with Catholic pages, however. Organizations and groups such as LifeTeen, Eternal Word Television Network, Catholics Come Home, Imagine Sisters and New Catholic Generation have

pages intended to reach out to Catholic youth.

New Catholic Generation is a group which promotes young Catholic video bloggers on YouTube.

Catholics have also organized group prayer over facebook. Different groups have promoted events such as a group prayer for 40 Days for Life and the victims in Newtown, Conn.

Though “Catholicism” is not the word most often associated with social networking, Catholic resources are constantly becoming more accessible via technology.

City gains attraction as trampoline park opens in February

Carolyn Frederick
Entertainment Co-Editor

A new trampoline park called Sky Zone has bounced its way into Sioux Falls.

It opened at the beginning of February and is located at 5129 South Solberg Avenue near 57th St and Louise Ave.

Sky Zone is open to any age, shape or physical ability. It offers many different activities including skyrobics fitness classes, open jump, 3-D dodge ball to birthday party packages, group events and corporate team building outings.

"There is truly something for everyone," said a Sky Zone employee.

The pricing varies on the amount of time you want to jump. The amount of time starts from 30 to 120 minutes and the pricing starts from eight dollars and goes up to \$20.

"It is worth spending the money and will be the new hip place to hang out," said Paige Leafstedt.

There are also different packages for the three different age groups.

There is toddler time on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Sky Mania every Friday night from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. for middle school ages and Sky Jam every Saturday night from 10 p.m. to midnight for high school and up.

Anyone interested in going to the Sky Zone must first fill out a waiver. "Waivers are required for all jumpers, and if you are younger than 18 than it needs to be signed by a legal guardian," said a Sky Zone employee.

"Sky Zone was very big and open, it is really welcoming and all the people there were funny and nice to joke around with," said Leafstedt.

Senior to attend UNL, play for Husker band

Leah Billion
Activities Co-Editor

Senior percussionist Tanner Groshens is taking his talents far beyond the O'Gorman walls.

Groshens, who will be playing in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln marching band next fall, has been playing drums for eight years.

"I practice every day," said Groshens.

Groshens is a member of the Ovation, musical and church bands, as well as the O'Gorman marching band.

"The most difficult thing is balancing school and music," said Groshens.

Groshens has been able to manage his time well enough to lead the 2012 marching band in a successful season.

"The winning brought us together as a band," said Groshens. "The coolest thing was winning Best Drumline without a drum-



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Senior Tanner Groshens will play in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln marching band next year.

line instructor."

The student led drumline exceeded expectation this past year. A combination of talent and senior leadership allowed for a great end to his senior season.

After three auditions, Groshens has also become a member of the Colts drum corps, an elite, national drum corps.

"It's basically a professional

marching band," said Groshens. "We travel across the country in the summer and compete."

Groshens will further continue his marching band career as a Nebraska Husker next year.

As a music major, Groshens will take what he's learned from eight years of lessons, and carry it with him throughout his life.

Eight interpers to represent OG in Birmingham

Ben Rogers
Opinion Co-Editor

Eight students will represent O'Gorman at the National Forensic League tournament in Birmingham this June after qualifying on Feb. 23.

Seniors Bethany Claussen and Aimee Bannwarth qualified in original oratory. Fellow senior Shelby Bloomer will also be an orator as she automatically qualified after receiving seventh place last year in Indianapolis.

Matt Billion and sister Molly Billion were one of two duos that qualified. "Heading into the final round I was really nervous, but the judges seemed to really enjoy our performance," said Billion. The Billion duo took first place.

"My performance greatly exceeded my expectations because as a sophomore I did not expect to do this well," said Billion. "But my sister really helped us reach our full potential."

Senior Sarah Dougherty and junior Christian Heisler also qualified in duo interpretation. Senior Bailey Larson qualified in dramatic interpretation.

On the debate side, juniors Max Boyum and Sam Breske ended their season short of a qualifying bid. "We went pretty deep but Jonah Dally and Daniel Waddell went a lot farther," said Boyum.

A disappointed Boyum finds some condolence in the fact that his teammates performed well. "I was hoping to go quite a bit farther but I am happy for Jonah and Daniel," said Boyum.

The sophomore policy team made it all the way to the quarterfinals. Junior Audra Garrigan finished in sixth place in Lincoln-Douglas debate.

Matt Billion certainly believes the coaches were a big factor. "We could not have done this without our amazing coaches, so I want to thank them tremendously."

Overall the oral interp team placed first in each category.

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Senior, father race in desert marathon

Family travels to Arizona for big race

Marissa Tran
Entertainment Co-Editor

On Jan. 20, senior Bridget Adcock ran an astonishing 26.2 miles in the Rock 'n' Roll marathon held in Phoenix, Ariz.

"My dad had always wanted to do a marathon," said Adcock. "We talked about it a lot and he really encouraged me. We decided to run it together, and everything just took off from there."

The Rock 'n' Roll Arizona Marathon takes place every year in Arizona on the Sunday before Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The course takes the runners through Phoenix, Scottsdale and finishes up in Tempe.

Adcock started her training four months prior to the marathon. Her training was four days a week and consisted of a healthy diet and an intricate workout regimen.

"I would run four short miles one day, run seven miles the next, go back to four short miles, and then end the week with long miles, which would go upwards of 12 miles," says Adcock.

Adcock had experienced some difficulties along the way.

Before the marathon, Adcock



Rich and Bridget Adcock pose for a photo after finishing the Rock 'n' Roll marathon in Phoenix, Ariz. on Jan. 20.

had developed plantar fasciitis, an inflammation of the thick tissue on the bottom of the foot, knee problems and chest pain from inflamed muscles.

But by the time the marathon came around, Adcock was ready to conquer it.

"I had so much adrenaline going into the race," says Adcock.

"But the last six miles of the marathon were definitely the hardest part. My legs have never hurt so much in my entire life!"

The most rewarding part of Adcock's journey was completing the marathon. "It was an unbelievable feeling to finish," says Adcock. "I felt like I was on top of the world."

Lady Knights on roll as district play nears

Samantha Lenz
Opinion Co-Editor

The Lady Knights have won six of eight games as they head toward district action. This brings their season record to 11-7.

"The girls are working hard in practice to continue to improve," said coach Kent Kolsrud. "For us to be successful we need to defend and rebound, execute offensively and play extremely hard."

In mid-January the Lady Knights began with an out of town game against the Brookings Bobcats and came away with a 49-32 win. The Lady Knights showed strong offensive transition in this game and had several fast break buckets. Sophomore Jess Mieras led the team with 10 points and was four of seven from the field.

Then the Lady Knights returned to play west side rival Roosevelt. The Rough Riders seemed to have everything going their way during the second half, making 41 percent of their shots. The final score was 54-34 with Roosevelt on top.

"They had a really good night," said sophomore Kate Cartwright. "We were just unfocused and inconsistent."

Sioux City East was the next team on the Lady Knights' schedule. The Lady Knights won 63-37. Junior Claire Howes contributed 11 points to the win.

The Yankton Gazelles were the next to face the Lady Knights. The first two quarters showed a slow start. Then a timeout was called by coach Kolsrud in an effort to encourage his team. Senior Allie Kneip took it upon herself to get her team going with a three

point buzzer beater at half time.

"That shot was really what we needed to get us motivated for the second half," said sophomore Dalee Stene.

After halftime the Lady Knights came out with some fire, edging out the Gazelles with a 43-33 win.

With two big wins under their belt the Lady Knights traveled to Watertown for a game against the Arrows. Dalee Stene led the team with 12 points and Jess Mieras with 12 rebounds. The Lady Knights came away with a hard fought 41-38 win.

The next opponent was number one ranked Washington Warriors.

"We went into the game scared, considering they are the number one team. They were in our heads before we were even on the court. With this in the back of our minds we couldn't make a shot," said Cartwright.

After a three game win streak the Lady Knights fell to the Warriors 70-36.

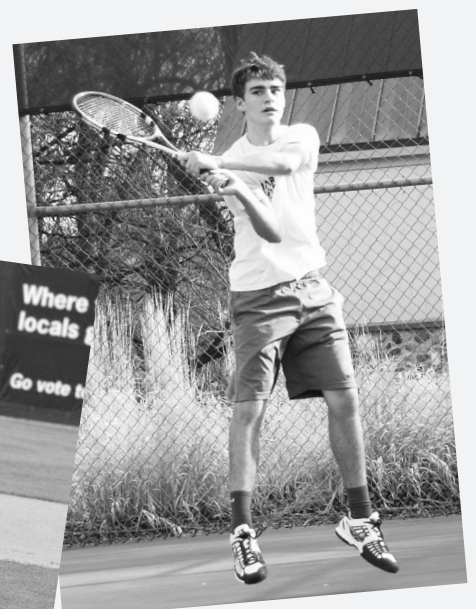
The Lady Knights returned to their home court to face the Pierre Lady Governors. They battled with their central state opponent to a 40-35 win. Post guard Dalee Stene was four of five from the three point line leading the team with 16 points.

Over this stretch the Lady Knights have been working hard as the time before districts dwindles down.

"We are very excited about districts. We hope to be playing our best basketball at that time," said Kolsrud. "We know we need to show up and play well each and every night."

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SIGNING DAY. O'Gorman seniors Austin Pharis, Sierra Kloth and Nick Ratzloff sign their letters of intent to play college sports. Other seniors playing athletics in college include Chance Freese, Bryce Kallhoff, Alex Pujado, Derek Feige, Samantha Surrell, Maris Bolender and Claire Jansa. National signing day was Feb. 6.

Boys push forward in quest for berth to state tournament

Pierce Edman
Sports Co-Editor

The O'Gorman Knights basketball team looks to bounce back in districts this season. After a 5-3 start, the Knights were hooked on a ten game losing streak, until snapping that streak against Sioux Falls Washington.

After losing to the Rapid City Cobblers in early January, the Knights have been unable to put things together. The Knights have not been blown out, however, with their largest losing deficit at 20 against top-ranked Roosevelt.

The Knights recently lost against city rival Lincoln on Feb. 12.

"We are so close," said junior forward Spencer Hopkins. "We're right on the edge of where we need to be."

Despite these circumstances, the Knights are staying positive. "In dis-

tricts everything is a clean slate," said junior guard Connor Nagel. "Anything can happen."

With three games left in the season the Knights look to string some wins together to gain some momentum as they head to postseason play.

But the Knights have a tough schedule ahead of them if they want to make a run for a fourth state title in a row.

"We're slowly gaining momentum and are hoping to peak where we need to in March," said sophomore forward Davis Cowen.

There is hope for the Knights, however. Many of the teams around the state are currently on losing skids or are losing key games in regards of seeding for postseason.

The Knights anticipate they will play the Roosevelt Rough Riders in the first round of districts. Districts began Feb. 26.

Strike

Senior Price bowls 300 game

Pierce Edman
Sports Co-Editor

Senior Corey Price has played an active role in many extra-curricular activities at O'Gorman, including choir and bowling. In his final year at O'Gorman, he officially put his name in the record books.

In January, Price achieved a little piece of history. He bowled his first 300 game. Few people have accomplished this in their lifetime, and he did it at the age of 18.

"I woke up and I knew it was going to be a good day," said Price. "I had no idea it was going to be that good of a day."

Bowling a 300 is bowling's equivalent to pitching a perfect game in baseball. In order to achieve this, the bowler must bowl 12 consecutive strikes.

"I was just as surprised as everyone else," said Price. "I have been bowling a long time but this is probably the most memorable moment in my career."

Most people would think that the final throw would be the most difficult but in this instance, that was not the case.

"The 11th ball was the most challenging ball. After I got a strike on that one, I knew that I was in the clear," said Price.

"It was exciting to watch," said senior Andrew Conemac. "He was re-



Senior Corey Price holds the ball he used to bowl his 300 game.

ally focused and we cheered him on the whole match."

For his final home match, Price was announced as "Mr. 300!"

"I couldn't have asked for a better end to my senior season," said Price.

After a strong high school career, Price finished his senior bowling season at the state tournament on Feb. 22.

Price plans to attend the University of South Dakota next year.

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Employees prepare food at Pepperjax, a new Sioux Falls restaurant, located at 2009 W. 41st St.

Pepperjax offers Philly flavors, casual atmosphere for dining

Staff Review

Pepperjax Grill has swept the Sioux Falls scene with its phresh Philly style. With a Qdoba style set up, the restaurant allows patrons to design their very own meal.

The Pepperjax signature is their classic steak Philly. Decorated with onions, peppers, and mushrooms, this sandwich is the chain's most popular.

Other Pepperjax favorites include giant wraps, fresh salads, and gourmet rice bowls.

A sandwich or wrap can be made a meal with a side of Pepperjax' seasoned French fries.

One corner of the restaurant is fully devoted to various dipping sauces including their standard Au Jus.

One fun aspect of the restaurant is the bun toasting and sliding device that sends each custom-

er's bun on a crazy ride.

At a very low price, one can get a delectable sandwich, a side of scrumptious fries and fizzy pop.

Pepperjax is conveniently located on the corner of 41st and Western. It is a great place for seniors to consider spending their open lunch this last quarter.

The modern decor contrasted with classic black and white photos give the restaurant a rustic atmosphere. Pepperjax adopts a casual feel without seeming too fast-foody.

Sioux Falls should be excited about the arrival of this Philly chain. The city will continue to expand with coming chain restaurants like Noodles & Company and The Cheesecake Factory

The Knight Scroll staff gave this new trend-setting restaurant an "A".

Gamers descend on Wisconsin for convention

Mark Yeager
Activities Co-Editor

Every year gaming enthusiasts from all over the Midwest come to Brookfield, Wis. to compete, purchase and trade at the Midwest Gaming Classic.

The convention is held at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel. The annual Midwest Gaming Classic is preparing for its next convention on the weekend of March 23-24 and is planning to have a larger crowd than in any of the years past.

The main attraction of the convention used to be pinball machines. Collectors would come and sell their custom made pinball machines. The convention has since evolved and adopted many more communities of gamers.

Eric Fogarty is a senior at O'Gorman High School who enjoys gaming. "I think that a convention is a good idea because it promotes a sense of community," said Fogarty. "It works especially well for retro gamers whose systems can't be played online"

The convention consists of several different themed rooms each geared toward a different interest. Some rooms are centered around gaming in the past as many retro gaming fans show up to the convention. There is also a vendor hallway in which artists and vendors sell their wares to fans.

This year the Nippon Import

Group is one of the new rooms at the convention. By adding this room they have also adopted a community of import gamers who enjoy games from overseas

Landon Wheeler is a participant at the Midwest Gaming Classic who plans to be in attendance this year. "The feeling of camaraderie between people as they share in their favorite hobbies is what I like best," said Wheeler. "There is something for everyone to enjoy, even casual gamers would enjoy it."

Excitement is always in the air as people go from room to room to experience all the different aspects of the convention. Whether one goes to a room based around classic games, board games, or even modern day classics, happy hobbyists can always be found.

Much of the excitement is due to tournaments that can be found in the convention. Tournaments are held for *Halo 4*, *Call of Duty: Black Ops II* and several fighting games. Many gamers make their trip to the convention just to compete in such competitions.

"I competed in a tournament while at the convention," said Wheeler. "I could feel the excitement in the air as fans cheered on me and my opponent."

The tickets to the event start at \$45 for a weekend pass and for a limited time can be purchased for \$35 until the convention begins. The convention formally ends on Saturday March 24, but is followed by a family day.

Windows 8 gets mixed reaction

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Microsoft has launched its newest operating system in the form of Windows 8. The new operating system is drastically different than its predecessors of Windows 7 and Windows XP.

The new operating system (OS) acts as a trailblazer setting the path for touch screen enabled home computers as the new OS is set primarily around touch screen controls.

Windows 8 has, however, been met with by much friction by the consumers. The OS is not ideal for many consumers who plan on using their computer for work or school related matters.

In response to this friction Microsoft had set a deal where one could upgrade to Windows 8 at a drastically reduced price of \$39.99. Having ended on Feb. 1. The price of the product is now \$199.99.

Mr. Nathan Hofflander is the computer science teacher at O'Gorman High School and is versed with many different operating systems.

"It's an operating system that we are not ready for hardware wise," said Hofflander. "It is too much of a change for those who expected an extension of the previous operating system."

Many people have decided to not upgrade to the new OS as it is not geared toward a work en-

vironment. This means that in many cases someone would have to have a strictly entertainment based computer to justify upgrading to this OS.

Zach Boone is an O'Gorman senior. "The operating system is too different from what their audience was expecting," said Boone, "Microsoft is making a gutsy move by trying to link smart phones, computers, and tablets in the new operating system."

Windows 8 is now available and even though it is geared toward touch screen enabled computers it is still functional on a computer that meets the minimum required specifications.



PRESS PHOTO

Microsoft's new Windows 8 has a strikingly different look than previous versions of Windows. The new personal computer operating system retails for \$199.99.

Rutten takes on new challenge

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A greatly missed presence at O'Gorman would be former religion teacher, Mr. Joe Rutten. For 10 years Rutten taught Morality and Justice and a few classes of Scripture.

"Mr. Rutten really had a knack for making school and religion really interesting," says Senior Natalie Tiefenthaler. "It's just not the same seeing his smiling face every day in the halls."

Rutten also misses teaching at O'Gorman.

"What I miss about O'Gorman High School is being able to work with young people every day," says Rutten. "And standing at the end of the foyer with Krier in the teacher lineup."

This past year he decided to take on a new direction in his life. Rutten is now the Director of Faith Formation at St. Joseph Cathedral.

"I had taught adults in summer for a number of years, and worked part time at the Cathedral for three years," says Rutten. "This experience really influenced me to take on this new job."

As Director of Faith Formation Rutten is responsible for building and facilitating faith programming.

He also teaches an adult faith formation class which he had started and runs family and children catechism classes.

"The best part of my job is developing new relationships and building new programs," says Rutten.

There is a big challenge that comes with being the new Director of Faith Formation.

"The buck stops with me," says Rutten. "If these religious programs fail there is no one else to blame but me."

Along with a new job, Mr. Rutten also has a new son.

"Leo was born on July 4, and is currently seven months old," says Rutten.

Rutten is taking his new-found parenthood in stride.

"He's the greatest," says Rutten. "He's such an easy baby and just laughs all the time."

"I look forward to seeing who he'll become," says Rutten. "It'll be interesting to see what his interests, likes, and whether he'll be sporty, lazy, or artistic when he's older."



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Former Religion teacher, Joe Rutten, poses with his seven month old son, Leo. Rutten is now the Director of Faith Formation at St. Joseph Cathedral Parish.

Capcom celebrates two anniversaries

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Major video game maker Capcom is a Japanese born company that has had much influence on the Western hemisphere. They are celebrating the 25th anniversary of two of their major video game franchises. It is the 25th anniversary of the *Street Fighter* and *Megaman* video game series.

Megaman and *Street Fighter* were popular on previous game consoles and still hold their worth today. *Street Fighter II* was so popular in the 1990s that several American movies were made based on the game and series as well as an animated television series and a line of action figures.

Street Fighter II is regarded as one of the most influential video games of all time and is still played at a competitive level today.

Capcom is known as a company that takes risks to try to better know their audience and make a fresh and creative product. Because of this they have earned themselves many hard core fans of their series.

However, Capcom has recently had a change of policy.

They are now developing games to be more accessible to the casual gamer and a broader audience than in the past. This has caused much dismay among the community as games that they had known to be more difficult or to appeal to a smaller niche now.

Recent releases *Resident Evil 6* and *DMC* are examples of this change. These game series both used to be set in a dark setting with slow paced game play and were filled with puzzles to get from stage to stage.

Both series have now been made much more fast pace and witty to try to appeal to a broader audience. This doesn't mean that the games have become worse, rather that they no longer try to appeal to that core audience of consumers, but to a more Western audience that enjoys fast paced games and a lot of action.

Mason Walker is an O'Gorman senior who enjoys video games. "I don't believe that a company should necessarily turn away from their usual audience in pursuit of more revenue," said Walker. "However their new direction may bring in more hardcore fans that will defend the new titles."

Capcom received a lot of negative press last year. This was due to downloadable content being found on the *Street Fighter X Tekken* disc.

The game was a crossover game that Capcom released to face their characters against Namco's *Tekken* characters. Additional content to the game was announced to be released at a later date for a cost, however fans didn't want to pay for it if the content was already on the disc.

Even though it is the *Megaman* franchises' 25th anniversary Capcom has not developed a *Megaman* game in celebration of the anniversary. This has many fans worried that they may have seen the last of the "Blue Bomber" or *Megaman*.

To celebrate the *Street Fighter* 25th anniversary *Street Fighter* characters made cameos in multiple games including: *Street Fighter X Tekken*, *Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3*, and *Asura's Wrath*. The series' characters have stood the test of time and are famous for their signature look and moves.

Capcom also showed their potential in the last year by releasing an adventure action game that was said to be a response



PRESS PHOTO

Capcom celebrates the 25th anniversary of their *Street Fighter* series this year.

to Bethesda's *Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim*. The game was critically acclaimed but unfortunately the sales did not match up to the *Elder Scrolls* title. Capcom is trying to be competitive in today's fast pace market and they have been making many changes in order to do so.

Brian Lawler is an O'Gorman senior who enjoys Capcom games. "I have enjoyed Capcom games ever since I was in elementary school," said Lawler. "I am

okay with the changes to the company because they appeal to me as well."

The company's changes are seen in a generally negative light. However the company must adapt to changing times in order to stay afloat.

Games that sold well 10 years ago may not do as well today, and Capcom has taken this into consideration for the development of their most recent games.

Photo Survey

If you could be a fly on a wall in the school, where would you be?



“Mrs. Brose’s room. So I could learn Spanish and fly to Mexico.”
Taylor Billion



“In Mr. Groos’ office so I could hear the scores of the games.”
Andrew Mohama



“In the gym watching a boys basketball practice.”
Anna Gaspari



“In Mr. Hofflander’s room, because he is a funny guy.”
Cort Hansen

Students burned out on chicken lunches

Sam Breske
Staff Writer

Every day, O’Gorman students look forward to lunch. The relaxing pace, the peaceful atmosphere, the clean floors and tables, the beautiful aromas. They are all captivating.

Still, everyday students are faced with an enigma that seemingly cannot be answered. This enigma prevents the students from enjoying the pleasantness of the cafeteria. Their minds are haunted by an everlingering question: Why all the chicken?

The severity of this issue cannot be overlooked. Each day more and more chicken is entering the bodies of our students. This may have several unforeseen drawbacks. According to a UK-based study published in Public Health Nutrition, “Virtually all commercially-available chickens now have what many call the ‘obese gene’, which makes birds gain weight quickly to speed up production from birth to slaughter.”

In addition to intentionally making all students obese, serving chicken



Sam Breske

to the students has led to incredibly high stress levels. “I walk into the cafeteria everyday and I think to myself, ‘Chicken again? They’re out to get me, man!’” said junior Max Boyum. Many students are concerned that they might actually become chickens.

The trend has stirred up quite an outbreak among students that are animal rights activists. “I just can’t believe this school can condone the killing of all of those chickens, pigs, and probably crow, to make a silly patty,”

said sophomore Andrew Mohama. If your rage hasn’t prevented you from reading further, you’re probably wondering: Who is to blame this atrocity?

The answer to this question is simple: President Obama. Think about it. The whole situation plays right into his hands. He is obviously planning on running for a third term in order to cement his desired role as evil dictator of America.

But, he knows that not a single American in their right mind would vote for him a third time. So he hatched a plan. He is forcing all of us to eat this fattening chicken in the hopes that we will all be too obese to vote in four years.

Moreover, we will all be brain-washed because of the mindcontrol serum that he has ordered to be put in the chicken. We must stop Obama. We must stop the chicken.

By now you’ve probably realized that this whole article was ridiculous, and you’re probably right. It’s just chicken. If you don’t like it, bring your own lunch.

In & Out

Turtle Necks	Crew Necks
Pepperjax	Subway
Downton Abbey	Glee
St. Patrick’s Day	Valentine’s Day
BLR	Chaw
Wanelo	Pinterest
College Basketball	NFL
Sack Lunch	School Chicken
Fake Girlfriends	Manti Te’o
Rebuilding Year	Four-Peat
Spinsters	Formal
Fish	Meat
Backcourt Boys	Rainmakers

Students: Look to schoolmates as role models

Staff Editorial

Here we go again. On the morning of Valentine’s Day, Americans woke up to find that yet another sports superstar had committed an unspeakable act.

Oscar Pistorius was arrested and charged with the murder of his supermodel girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp.

Pistorius had cemented himself as a running legend when he competed in the 2012 Olympics as a double leg amputee.

Time and again, we are find-

ing our beloved athletes committing despicable acts.

Manti Te’o, the all star linebacker for Notre Dame, was found committing his own fraud when it was discovered that his deceased girlfriend never existed. Adding insult to injury, Te’o said that he was the victim of a terrible hoax.

The list goes on and on.

After apparently lying for years about his use of performance enhancing drugs, biking legend Lance Armstrong finally came clean to Oprah about his

use of illegal substances.

And let’s not get started with football and baseball. People like Michael Vick and Roger Clemens have done their best to give those sports black eyes with some lasting power.

All of this begs the question: What has happened to our strong, stoic role models that we all looked up to as children?

The simple fact is that these athletes are concerned with two things: winning and money. They don’t care how we perceive them on the field.

So what do we do?

Forget about ‘em. That’s right. Leave them behind.

As students of O’Gorman, we have to realize that we cannot look up to frauds as our guides. Instead, we need to blaze our own path of integrity.

Remember that when we take the stage or the football field, we are role models for all of our younger students.

Quite frankly, there is nothing more inspiring than watching speech students taking treats to a hospital ward waiting room or

seeing basketball players wearing their Catholic Schools Week T-shirts as warm-ups.

Instead of looking up to the Manti Te’os and Lance Armstrongs of the world, let’s set the example ourselves.

Let’s show friends, family and younger students that we are where honesty starts.

So remember, the next time you step up to the free throw line or play your instrument on stage, you are the closest - and best - role model any of our students can have.

Seniors make college plans

Leah Billion
Activities Co-Editor

As the fourth quarter begins, seniors are finalizing college decisions. While applications are begun toward the beginning of senior year, the preparation process starts much earlier.

Students have been readying their resumes for years by taking rigorous courses, taking standardized tests and participating in various activities.

"Students need to realize that course selection, and performance in those courses, as a freshman or sophomore can have an impact on post-high options as a senior," said Guidance Director and Assistant Principal Art Hagg.

Most college applications involve one or more essays, and a few schools even require a personal interview.

"I've spent about 120 hours total writing essays and filling out the CommonApp," says senior Sarah Ermer. "I've done two interviews as well."

Essay writing can be the most time consuming part of the application process.

"I had to write so many essays and short answers," said Cink. "It's stressful to think that my future will be determined by the essays I submitted."

The process can be stressful if time is not managed well.

"I advise next year's seniors to get started on apps and essays as soon as possible," says Ermer.

The guidance office recommends researching schools and their admission requirements prior to senior year.

"It is nice to be finishing up with applications and start making decisions," says Ermer. College applications can be exhausting, but are very rewarding in the end.

"I felt so relieved once I finished applying. In fact, I'm pretty sure the second after I submitted my last app, I collapsed to the floor in excitement," says Cink.



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Senior Lacey Cink reads through a college planning magazine in the guidance office. Many seniors have decided where they are going to college and are now in the process of filling out scholarship applications.

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